



To our SCA Families, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

It is no secret this has been a challenging year for all. Nobody has escaped the challenges COVID-19 and the response surrounding it has brought to our businesses, families, and community. While I acknowledge this has affected everyone, I would like to take a moment to talk specifically about our amazing SCA faculty and staff. The additional workload and challenges on the faculty and staff have been significant, and they have handled it with grace and perseverance! It is also important to note the reason we were able to open on August 17 and stay open since has been largely because of the dedication of our faculty and staff. They have served our mission with great courage and are our heroes here at SCA.

With our Thanksgiving Break coming up, we have decided to expand the break by two days. **Thanksgiving Break will be from Monday, November 23 through Friday November 27.** I would like to offer this short reprieve and needed relief to our students, families, and these all-star faculty and staff, allowing them a short time to catch up with their work, prepare for the end of the semester, and recalibrate. Monday and Tuesday are also typically days where we have Thanksgiving celebrations, host Grandparents Day, and have other festivities, many of which we were unable to plan this year for COVID-19 related reasons.

Recognizing there may be families who need childcare during the added two days of break, we have created a **free child-care opportunity** here at the school. To properly plan and staff for this, we will need to know in advance who will be using this opportunity. Registering in advance for these days will be required. If you need childcare for Monday and Tuesday, please [click this link and register here](#).

I also want to highlight our need as a community to remain vigilant about COVID-19 prevention efforts. If you are traveling or spending time with those traveling from out of town or that are not in your typical family or friend cohorts, we ask that you please be extra cautious over this break to help us prevent spread in the SCA community. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. It is because of the cautions everyone has taken up to this point we have been able to stay open and continue with in-person instruction. If you do travel and/or attend large gatherings and you would like to request the use of the RLO option for the week after Thanksgiving to give some time to ensure no symptoms develop, please know we will accommodate this.

During this time of focus on giving thanks, I am personally thankful for our SCA families, their passionate love for Christ, their steadfast love of their children, and their partnership with SCA and our mission. If you have a spare moment (I realize they are hard to come by right now), please send a quick note of thanks to a faculty or staff at SCA of your choice to love and encourage them during this unique time in the educational world. I pray everyone takes time to create moments of sabbath during this coming holiday.

Praise be to the Lord! God is good... all the time,

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